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MR. CHARLES A. KNIGHT, TREASURER
OHIO REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CENTRAL
& EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
211 S. FIFTH STREET
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Response Due Date
11/23/2012

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00162339

REFERENCE: MARCH MONTHLY REPORT (02/01/2012 - 02/29/2012)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. The totals listed on Line(s) 11(c), 11(d) and 12, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))
2. Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report discloses an apparent void of a disbursement originally made by your committee. Please be advised that if your committee voided a check originally written from your account, including voiding checks that were not cashed or cleared by a bank, this should be disclosed as a negative entry on the original line of disbursement. Line 15 should only be used if your committee received a refund for disbursement originally made by your committee. This method of reporting would clarify for the public record the total amount of receipts/disbursements and more accurately disclose the cash-on-hand amount. Please amend your report(s) to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.
3. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)

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prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

- Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, Transfers from affiliated/other party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (2 U.S.C § 434(b) and FORM 3X Instructions)

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to

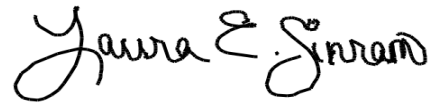
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taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura E. Sinram". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Sinram
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee (C00162339)

Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
Bill Johnson for Congress	2/16/12	\$10,000.00	P2012	2012 March Monthly
JIM RENACCI FOR CONGRESS	2/16/12	\$10,000.00	P2012	2012 March Monthly